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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- [X] 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 [] 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 [] 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.
 [] 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
 [X] 5. A copy of **Publication No. WO 2005/049261 02JUN05** ~~the International Application as filed~~ [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 a) [X] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 b) [] has been communicated by the international Bureau.
 c) [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
 [X] 6. An English language translation of **Publication No. WO 2005/049261 02JUN05** ~~the International Application as filed~~ 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 a) [X] is attached hereto
 b) [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 [] 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 a) [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 b) [] have been communicated by the international Bureau.
 c) [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 d) [] have not been made and will not be made
 [] 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 [X] 9. An EXECUTED Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]
 [] 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

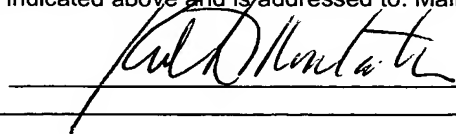
Items 11. to 20. Below concern other document(s) or information included:

- [X] 11. **An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98**
 [X] 12. An Assignment document to **JENOPTIK Automatisierungstechnik GmbH** for recording.
 A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
 [X] 13. **A preliminary amendment**
 [] 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
 [X] 15. **A substitute specification with abstract (attached to the preliminary amendment)**
 [] 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter
 [] 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
 [] 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
 [] 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
 [X] 20. (other items or information) **Search Report: PCT/ISA/210 15APR05, PTO-1449 w/7 Documents.**

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